

Summer Reading Workshops

Librarians from around the Commonwealth descended upon Frankfort on February 23-25 to kick off Summer Reading Program preparations at the 2005 Summer Reading Workshops. Summer Reading Programs are held at public libraries every year to help young readers maintain and grow their reading skills while on vacation. Libraries are preparing book-based programs and activities featuring medieval history topics and fantasy literature for this year's theme entitled *Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds*. The theme for the accompanying Teen Program is *Joust Read*. Program participants will dream of times long ago, read terrific tales of daring and adventure, and enjoy activities filled with magic and merriment, dragons, castles, knights and fun!



Rich Haynes and Alison Cheek

Photo by Kathy Goode

Lexington Public Library's Alison Cheek, a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), started off the Summer Reading Workshops' morning session with some facts about medieval society. Dressed in clothing representative of the period, she explained how clothing and food were symbols of status in the Middle Ages. She went on to discuss valuable nonfiction books about the period for librarians to use to present accurate programs. Another SCA member, Rich Haynes of Harlan County Public Library, followed with more information and activities on medieval life and times. He got participants moving with a heraldry activity and dances from the Middle Ages.

A presentation by KDLA's Morgan Tracy on media resources available through State Library Services Department provided valuable information on audio-visual materials. Web based interface for ordering media materials from KDLA was discussed and selected media items were on display. Librarians were given a handout with media selections ideal for use with *Dragons Dreams and Daring Deeds*, as well as *Joust Read*.

The afternoon session of the workshops consisted of sample crafts and programming ideas. KDLA Children's and Youth Services Consultant Carol Baughman performed a shadow puppetry show, fantasy fiction books were discussed and a paper craft activity

was held. Baughman stressed that librarians should emphasize “process over product” for children’s craft projects, so the child will be encouraged to express creativity and individuality in the crafts. Roundtable discussions followed on library programming, working with teens and promoting the library with publicity. The afternoon wrapped up with KDLA Commissioner Jim Nelson encouraging children’s librarians to go out and sell the Summer Reading Program.

One of the workshops’ highlights was the showcase of regional exhibits. Several regions participated in preparing exhibits to show crafts and other items they plan to use in their Summer Reading Programs. Colorful castles, armor and crowns brightened the atmosphere. “The regional exhibits were by far the best and most popular part of the workshops,” said Baughman. “They were such a success we are already planning to do it again next year.”

For assistance with your Summer Reading Program, contact Carol Baughman at (502) 564-8300, ext. 264 or carol.baughman@ky.gov

National Library Week April 10-16, 2005

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is an observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

Celebrating Creative Youth

Kentucky Child Now! is pleased to announce the 1st Annual Creative Youth Expo open to all Kentucky youth (ages 13-19). Students are required to create a visual piece of art (drawing or painting) focused on the theme, *"Celebrating Youth Making a Difference in Our Communities."* Entries will be reviewed by a professional panel that will select works for scholarships, certificates, exhibition, and publication. Schools or community-based organizations of the students whose art is selected will receive cash awards. Selections will be announced and displayed at the Kentucky Child Now! 5th Annual Destiny Awards to be held July 14th. Selected art will be published and auctioned for sale throughout the state. Selected works will also become a traveling year-long exhibit displayed at galleries and sites across the Commonwealth. The deadline for entry submission is April 30, 2005. No entry fee is required. Please visit the KCN Web site (www.kychildnow.org) to learn more about the rules, guidelines, and to access the entry forms.

‘Cross the Commonwealth

The **Rowan County Public Library** was presented with a \$1,500 check from the Morehead Rotary Club at their February 23 meeting. Rotary International is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The library plans to purchase 100 children's books with the money to commemorate the anniversary. The Morehead Rotary Club conducted a tour of homes in December; the donation to the Library is the proceeds from that project.

The **Mt. Sterling – Montgomery County Library** held its first ever out-in-the-community used books sale on February 25. The promotion was designed to eliminate an over abundance of donated used books, while making contacts and publicizing library services to the outer reaches of the community. During a one day blitz, multiple book sales were held at various local gathering spots. In total, 2,462 books were sold in a single day. Within a few days, library staff began to see new faces that had been introduced to library services during the event.

The **Graves County Public Library** Friends Group has purchased chair mats for every computer workstation making the chairs easier to move and preventing the wear and tear on the carpet. The Friends Group has also purchased two computer desks for the public access computer and has set a goal to purchase a new computer every year to replace an older computer.

The Friends of the **Fulton County Public Library** and the Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored a book signing event at the library on Thursday, February 10. Elizabeth Jones was at the library from 4:30-6:30 p.m. to sign copies of her newest book, *Fulton, the Pictorial History of the Twin Cities*. The book is one of the titles in the Images of America series which is published by the Arcadia Publishing Company.

The **Jackson County Public Library** construction has started and the people in the county are excited to see progress on a real building. Library Director Betty Bingham relates, "people are coming by every day with questions about progress on the site."

The **Boyd County Public Library** recently launched a Study Buddy program, with cooperation from faculty at Ashland Community & Technical College. The weekly program provides free homework help to junior high and high school students. If the program proves popular, the library plans to expand it to help younger students as well.

Patrons of the **Boyd County Public Library** donated 1,800 pounds of canned goods and non-perishable food items during Food for Fines, the library's recent fine amnesty program. All the food collected was donated to River Cities Harvest, an Ashland-based agency that distributes food to 15 local agencies that serve the hungry.

Knox County Public Library and **Wolfe County Public Library** are in the process of preparing to automate with TLC.

President's Budget Requests \$262,240,000 for IMLS

The President's Budget requests \$262,240,000 for fiscal year 2006 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The request, which represents an increase of \$21,565,000 in funding for IMLS core programs, includes:

- * \$221,325,000 for the Library Services and Technology Act, an increase of \$15,374,000 from the FY 05 appropriation for the same purposes;
- * \$38,915,000 for the Museum Services Act, an increase of \$4,191,000 from the FY 05 appropriation for the same purposes; and
- * \$2,000,000 for a new grant program authorized by the African American History and Culture Act.

"This budget underscores the Bush Administration's continued solid support for libraries and museums in the United States," Dr. Robert Martin, Director of IMLS, remarked. "We are especially pleased that, with a request for \$26 million, this budget continues to demonstrate the President's strong support for the Librarians for the 21st Century program. Since its inception in 2003 the program has supported innovation, ingenuity, and diversity while helping to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians. To date nearly 1,200 students have benefited from this initiative."

Museum and libraries are central to education in the United States, helping to strengthen civic engagement and connect people of all ages to ideas and information. IMLS provides national leadership while empowering museums and libraries across the country to lead in their communities.

Specifically, the President's budget will allow IMLS to:

- * Increase support for State Library Administrative Agencies whose work strengthens library service nationwide and makes a significant impact on information and technology literacy as well as supporting homework centers, early reading programs, expanded digital resources, technology training, and more.
- * Recruit and educate a new generation of librarians, and expand programs for faculty and curriculum development to educate 21st century librarians.
- * Update and expand the skills of museum professionals to support their role in the 21st century workforce.
- * Increase the capacity of museums to act as stewards of cultural heritage, enhance civic engagement, and provide opportunities for lifelong learning.

- * Expand, create, and preserve educational and cultural content in digital form and enhance learning through new digital tools and optimal practices for delivering services.
- * Strengthen learning through new models for library and museum programs.
- * Build sustainable partnerships among museums, libraries, communities, and schools.

Spanish Language Tapes

As of March 16th, the Lake Cumberland area libraries are now providing access to Spanish audio tapes explaining how to live in the United States. The joint project between BB & T Bank and the Kentucky/Tennessee District of Kiwanis International has been in development for three years. The Kiwanis Club of Russell County is assisting BB&T by distributing these tapes to the public libraries in the 10 county Lake Cumberland areas. The Spanish-speaking residents of the area are rapidly reaching one-fourth of the population.

Kiwanis primary interest is children but occasionally is privileged to participate in projects of interest to the entire community. Kiwanis has long been a presence in the Lake Cumberland Region with several clubs having achieved 60 or more years of service.

PLA offers cash for "Smartest" ideas

The Public Library Association (PLA) is offering \$100 cash prizes for the best examples of how libraries have used "The Smartest Card @ your library®" campaign. To enter, simply tell in one page how your library has used the campaign theme and the results. Photos and sample materials are welcome.

Email your entry with the subject line: Smartest Card Success Story to Barb Macikas at PLA, bmacikas@ala.org. You may send attachments to the email or mail your entry to: Barb Macikas PLA, 50 E. Huron St. Chicago, IL 60611. The deadline is May 2, 2005. Those who have already shared stories will be automatically entered in the competition.

Prizes will be awarded by the PLA @ your library® Task Force. The campaign, launched in September 2004, builds on ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries. It aims to build public use and support for libraries. PLA is committed to long-term support of the Smartest Card campaign.

For more information, see: www.pla.org/smartestcard.htm

Cataloging Tips

In the latest revised LC Subject Headings list there were two headings that will be of particular interest to Kentucky libraries. If there are books in your collection about the Kentucky Derby, you will want to know about this subject heading change. **Kentucky Derby, Louisville, Ky.** has been replaced with **Kentucky Derby**. Another subject heading that has been cancelled is **Yellow Creek (Bell County, Ky.)**. The replacement heading is **Yellow Creek (Bell County, Ky. : River)**

McCracken County Public Library “Hot Spot” for Wireless Users



The McCracken County Public Library is one of only a handful of Kentucky libraries offering a new service to patrons. Wireless Internet access is now available @ your library!

This service will enable patrons to surf online wherever they choose within the Washington Street location. While Internet access is still available through library terminals, this new “hot spot” designation will eliminate waiting lists and time limitations for laptop users. Patrons need only bring their own laptop computer equipped with a wireless network card to the library to begin surfing online.

Kentucky Library Job Hotline

Offered by KDLA, this service provides an online listing of available professional library, archival and records management positions without charge to the employer or the job seeker. The Hotline is available at <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/jobline.htm>.

Other Job Hotlines:

[ALA Library Education and Employment](http://www.ala.org/education)

www.ala.org/education

[Lisjobs.com: Jobs for Librarians and Information Professionals](http://www.lisjobs.com/)

www.lisjobs.com/

[Library Job Postings on the Internet](http://www.libraryjobpostings.org)

www.libraryjobpostings.org

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[LITA : Jobs in Library and Information Technology](http://www.lita.org/jobs/postings.html)

www.lita.org/jobs/postings.html

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KDLA Reference Question of the Month

My library's going to be hosting a program on World War II, and our presenter is looking for film footage to complement the presentation. How can I request videos on this topic from the State Library's collection?

KDLA has over 10,000 videocassettes and DVD's with public performance rights, all of which are indexed on KDLA's online catalog (kdla.kyvl.org). Once you've identified the title and call number of the video you want, you have four ways to submit your request to borrow the video:

- Web: An online form for requests is available at http://www.kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib_publib_materials.htm
- Email: You may send your requests to av.circulation@ky.gov
- Phone: You may call our Circulation Desk at 1-800-928-7000, ext. 337.
- Mail: You may send your written requests to Audiovisual Section, KDLA, PO Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602.

Continuing Education Schedule

April

18	WorldCat Resource Sharing: The Basics	Central Kentucky Technical College, Lexington
19	WorldCat Resource Sharing: Beyond the Basics	Central Kentucky Technical College, Lexington
20	WorldCat Resource Sharing: The Basics	Central Kentucky Technical College, Lexington
21	WorldCat Resource Sharing: Beyond the Basics	Central Kentucky Technical College, Lexington

May

5	"Get 'em Started Finding Great-Great Grandpa:" Genealogy Basics for Librarians	Ohio County Public Library, Hartford
9-13	Public Library Institute - Week 1	WKU/Bowling Green
13	"Get 'em Started Finding Great-Great Grandpa:" Genealogy Basics for Librarians	Scott County Public Library, Georgetown
17-18	Public Awareness Leadership Institute - "Crafting and Telling Your Message"	Pine Mountain State Resort Park
24	Rapid Response Reference: "My Doctor Called It....": Health Reference Resources	Ashland

Register for these events at <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm>

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